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Staff meeting.

I received word this morning that Eric Taff had died during the night. An autopsy later disclosed that he was riddled with cancer of an inoperable kind.

I went to the Cabinet meeting where I read ^{To the members} the language in Senator Hickenlooper's "interpretation to the General Convention. The President indicated that unless we were certain of being able to strike it out on the floor, it would be unwise to make a fight on it.

Second, I told of the arrangements made for the Pacific Council meeting.

Third, I asked the Attorney General if he could not speed up a decision on the long-pending Danish ship affair (not the Danish tanker case).

Fourth, I spoke briefly about the instructions we would like to send to Ambassador Briggs.

After the Cabinet meeting, the President talked with Secretary Snyder and me, and said ~~that~~ if ~~anybody~~ questioned about the negotiations currently being carried on by World Commerce Corporation concerning the Czechoslovakian steel mill, he would be careful to make no reference in that connection to Oatis' detention. After we left his office, Secretary Snyder said ~~that~~ he would personally review the telegram ~~which~~ we would like to send to Briggs, but which thus far Treasury has refused to approve.

Later in the day, I had ~~some~~ discussions back and forth with John Snyder on the telephone, and we agreed on a telegram to be sent to Briggs.

Charlie White, President of Republic Steel, came in this morning with two of his associates to discuss his secretary's controversy with

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the Liberian Government over royalties on their iron ore development in Liberia.

Willard Thorpe told me this afternoon of the more important matters engaging the principal attention of his area. Some of them are quite fascinating, such as the German debt talks in London, the licensing of international routes to American civil aviation companies, restrictive trade practices, and so forth.

I held a small ceremony for Ambassador Adornian who, after thirty years of service, is retiring to live in South Carolina. I read him a letter of appreciation, and then he and his family were photographed.

I invited the Indian Ambassador to come to see me today, which he did. I expressed to him, in connection with my talk last week with Gene Black, the Department's interest in the negotiations carried on recently at the International Bank between Pakistan and Indian engineers for the development of the Indus River water system. These discussions, constituting the first phase of a survey of this problem, were successfully terminated, and will be resumed in the autumn.

I took advantage of this occasion to draw his attention to the remarks supposed to have been made by Nehru in a speech this month stating it seemed to be the intention of NATO to extend its interests to the maintenance of colonialism. When asked whether this remark included Indochina, Nehru is said to have replied, "Certainly." I went over at great length with the Ambassador the many points raised in our discussion with Mr. Letourneau a couple of weeks ago. I think he was genuinely astonished at the progress toward autonomy made by the

three Associated States and said he would report this to his Government, which he felt had been informed of the

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The Lattimore case has been featured in the newspapers for a long time and there have been many conversations between ourselves and the White House staff ^{about} ~~the~~ the statement ~~this~~ this Department might issue on the subject. Since a grand jury in Seattle last night indicted the original informant, who had alleged that Lattimore had made arrangements to visit Russia through a travel agency in Seattle, we were able to agree with Joe Short on the statement we will issue today, and on the letter expressing the Department's regrets to Mr. Lattimore which I will send to him concurrently with this release.

Tonight, we had a dinner at home for the Ambassador of Costa Rica and Señora de Oreamuno, the Bissells, the Kingman Douglasses and the Stewart Alsops.

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